REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-13 and 15 are pending. Claims 2-4, 14 and 16 are cancelled. Claims 1, 5, 7-13 and 15 are currently amended.

During a telephonic interview with Examiner Than Vu on August 23, 2005, Mr. Vu indicated that the claims would more clearly distinguish over the prior art of record by the addition of limitations relating to the graphical nature of the display of the model and figures, and to the placement of graphical figures within the models. Pursuant to the August 23 teleconference, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 13 and 15 accordingly.

Amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, an information display method for displaying information about a plurality of users comprising the steps of "displaying at least one graphical model within a virtual space on [a] terminal of [a] specific user, each of said at least one graphical model being associated with a respective one of said plurality of users and including at least one graphical figure associated with an interest level of said respective one user in at least one item, the display of said model being responsive to registration information of said respective one user and to registration information of said specific user, and the display of each of said at least one figure being responsive to registration information of said respective one user relating to said interest level in said item and to registration information of said specific user relating to said interest level in said item." Claims 5-12 depend from independent claim 1.

Amended claim 13 recites, *inter alia*, an information display system comprising a server which "displays at least one graphical model within a virtual space on [a] terminal of [a] specific user, each of said at least one graphical model being associated with a respective one of said plurality of users and including at least one graphical figure associated with an interest level of said respective one user in at least

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<u>one item</u>, the display of said model being responsive to registration information of an associated user and to registration information of said specific user, and the display of each of said at least one figure being responsive to registration information of said associated user relating to said interest level in said item and to registration information of said specific user relating to said interest level in said item."

Amended claim 15 recites, *inter alia,* a game method for communicating via a network with a virtual character presented by a server, comprising the steps of "preparing parameters of each of a plurality of users communicating with the virtual character, wherein the parameters about each user includes a file for describing a <u>graphical model having at least one graphical figure of an item</u> . . . , and wherein the parameters about each user includes an interest level of each user in at least one item, the display of said at least one figure being responsive to parameters of said user relating to said interest level in said at least one item".

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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